

uncertain future availability of federal and local funding. The Department shall jointly report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Fiscal Research Division on or before 1 January 2008.

SECTION 4.2.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law.

PART V. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A DIGITAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM FOR A HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS INVENTORY DATABASE

SECTION 5.1.(a) The Division of Information Technology Services of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, in collaboration with the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, shall establish a Tier II Hazardous Chemicals Inventory Database and Web-based access application that will accept uploads of Tier II data from local government systems acting as partners in the project and from the University of Texas at Dallas E-Plan repository until all Tier II hazardous chemical inventory is in the database. The database shall include data on sites listed in the planned Toxic Release Inventory exchange and the Department's existing Facilities Registry System. The Facilities Registry System is a database of facilities for which the Department has environmental concerns, including facilities that are subject to an environmental permit for water, air, waste, land quality, wetlands, public water supply, wastewater treatment, and other environmental permits. The database shall be connected via Web services to the North Carolina Exchange Node. The purposes of this database are to provide a one-stop, real-time information source for all hazardous and toxic materials release sites and all sites that are subject to an environmental permit in order to enhance the operational effectiveness of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, first responders and emergency management officials, local government officials, and any others with a role in emergency management or planning; to remove the burden of data reentry in multiple systems; to reduce the dependence on paper submissions for Tier II reporting; to extend the Network for the Exchange Node community; and to reuse information already deployed at the Department. The Tier II Hazardous Chemicals Inventory Database and Web-based access application shall be maintained by the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

SECTION 5.1.(b) This section becomes effective 1 July 2007.

REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP A MODEL PLAN FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO EVENTS WITH A POTENTIAL FOR CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, OR RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINATION

SECTION 5.2.(a) The Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch of the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services shall contract with an industrial hygienist who shall develop a model plan for public health response to events with a potential for chemical, biological, or radiological contamination. The plan shall address all stages of the contamination event. The